



St. Paul's

GOES TO DISNEY



February 13, 2022

9:00 & 10:30 AM

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY – SCOUT SUNDAY

ORDER OF WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

Thank you for worshipping with us today.

Welcome to St. Paul's, a Reconciling congregation of the United Methodist Church. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we invite and affirm you as one of God's children into our community of God's unbounded love. All are celebrated here and all are safe. As we gather in-person, we will err on the side of caution and expect all those present today to wear masks, covering the mouth and nose, regardless of vaccination status. Other announcements and more helpful information can be found on the following pages.

Gathering for Worship

(* - please stand in body or spirit)

Announcements

Scouting Remarks (10:30 AM only)

Lance Moreau, Senior Patrol Leader

*Presentation of Colors (10:30 AM only)

John Stephens, Caller

Prelude (10:30 AM only)

Prelude on CWM RHONDDA

Paul Manz

*Call to Worship (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Lorraine Stalcup

Leader: As dawn illuminates the day set before us,

People: As weather, mild and fierce, moves across the lands we call home,

Leader: As birdcall chimes the setting of the sun,

People: So the Holy Spirit wakes, moves, and sings with us.

Let us worship the Creating and Abiding God.

*Hymn #577 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) God of Grace and God of Glory

Prayer for Scouting Sunday (10:30 AM only)

Jonah Chen

O God,

your will is that all your children should grow into fullness of life.

We lift to you the ministry of scouting.

We offer you thanks for camping,

to teach us that the world is our great home;

for study and work, to teach us character;

for service, to teach us responsibility to those in need;

for encouragement in genuine patriotism and vital faith.

Bless those who participate in this ministry of scouting

in this church and around the world,

so that, through its efforts,

young people may increase in wisdom and stature,

and in favor with you and all people.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Lord's Prayer (10:30 AM only)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Children's Music Ministry Moment (10:30 AM only)

Christina Griffin

All children will be invited forward for a music ministry moment. Children will continue to wear masks and maintain distancing during this music moment.

If Anybody Asks You Who I Am

If anybody asks you who I am, who I am, who I am,

If anybody asks you who I am, tell them I'm a child of God.

Come gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove, with light and comfort from above;
Be thou our guardian, thou our guide o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.
The light of truth to us display, and make us know and choose thy way;
Plant holy fear in ev'ry heart that we from thee may ne'er depart.
Lead us to Christ, the living Way, nor let us from his pastures stray;
Lead us to holiness, the road that we must take to dwell with God.
Lead us to heav'n that we may share fullness of joy forever there;
Lead us to God, our final rest, to be with him forever blessed.

Proclamation of the Word

First Scripture Reading (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Thomas Stephens

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (NRSV)

⁵Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

⁹The heart is devious above all else;

it is perverse —
who can understand it?
¹⁰I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Second Scripture Reading (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Luke 6:17-26 (NRSV)

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Music (10:30 AM only)

Go the Distance
Noah Beye, tenor

I have often dreamed of a far-off place
Where a great warm welcome will be waiting for me.
Where the crowds will cheer when they see my face,
And a voice keeps saying this is where I'm meant to be.

I will find my way. I can go the distance.
I'll be there some day, if I can be strong.
I know every mile will be worth my while.
I would go most anywhere to feel like I belong.

I am on my way. I can go the distance.
I don't care how far, somehow I'll be strong.
I know every mile will be worth my while
I would go most anywhere to find where I belong.

Sermon (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

*Hercules:
How Strong Are You?*

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

For a key scene from the movie, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=KF_iOivsRBA

Response to the Word and Sending Forth

Invitation to Giving (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Offertory (10:30 AM only) *Prelude on the Spiritual "O Fix Me"*

J. Roland Braithwaite

*Hymn #94 (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Prayer of Dedication (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

The Great Thanksgiving and Communion

The Invitation (9:00 AM only)

The Great Thanksgiving (9:00 AM only)

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

P: We lift them up to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks, remembering God's acts of salvation.

L: And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The pastor continues the thanksgiving and concludes:

L: And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

P: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The pastor continues and concludes:

L: All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

P: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (9:00 AM only)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread (9:00 AM only)

Giving the Bread and Cup (9:00 AM only)

Please receive the wafer and juice packet, then take it with you and consume it prayerfully and safely at home following the service.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (9:00 AM only)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn #576 (9:00 & 10:30 AM) Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

Retire the Colors (10:30 AM only)

Scout Flag Bearers

Benediction and Dismissal (9:00 & 10:30 AM)

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen

Postlude (10:30 AM only)

Obangiji (God Almighty)

Fela Sowande



UPCOMING WORSHIP

February 20, 2022

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary, in person

Livestreaming at 10:30 AM at stpaulsk.org

Rev. Dr. Patricia Allen, preaching

“St. Paul’s Goes to Disney: *Frozen I & II*”

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50



SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathies to Margaret Thurlow
following the death of her husband

Jeff Thurlow.



St. Paul's Sunday 10:30 AM worship services are streamed through
stpaulsk.org/worship/worship-at-home

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

News and Upcoming Events

Funeral for Jeff Thurlow – The family is currently planning to hold a celebration of the life and faith of Jeff Thurlow on Thursday, February 17 at 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary at St. Paul's.

Coffee Hour – *Sunday, Feb. 13, after 10:30 AM worship.* Justice & Compassion will host a time for coffee and cookies following the 10:30 AM service today, February 13, outdoors in the courtyard by the Octagon. J&C will serve coffee from Black Acres Roastery, a Black-owned coffee roaster in Baltimore.

Children's Music – In February, children are invited to sing during worship in a Children's Music Ministry Moment. Christina Griffin will call the children forward and teach a simple, joyful worship song. Please encourage children to come up front and enjoy a wonderful celebratory children's moment. Masks are required and we will use social distancing. We are blessed to have children in worship at St. Paul's!

SPY News – *On break for Feb. 13!* As is tradition, we cancel youth on Super Bowl Sunday. Note that we'll also be canceling on Sunday, February 20 – Micah and Holly will be traveling to meet their newborn nephew over Presidents Day weekend! Coming up: sign up for our Combined Middle and High School Spring Retreat for the weekend of March 4-6, which has more information about the retreat and can be found at stpaulsk.org/community/youth. For questions, contact Micah Smartt at msmartt@stpaulsk.org.

Children's Programming – *for Feb. 13.* Nursery Care for infants and preschoolers is available during both worship services today. During the family-friendly February sermon series "St. Paul's Goes to Disney," children of all ages are encouraged to attend worship online at 10:30 AM or in-person. Busy Bags with quiet activities for children are available at the Welcome Desk. While in-person Sunday School is on a break this month, children in Grade 5 and younger are invited to a brief time of

sharing via Zoom on Sundays at 11:45 AM. Students, parents, and teachers are all welcome! To Zoom with us, use this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86312380845>.

Taste & Sing – *Tuesday, Feb. 15, 12:00 noon*. Join our praying, playing and singing staff to sing along to some favorite hymns and learn more about the stories behind our worship songs. No musical experience needed! Stay for a tasty lunch provided by Ginny Hagberg. There is no cost to attend, although donations for lunch are welcome. Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker (mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext 104). Drop-ins welcome.

Better Humans Book Club – *Meeting Feb. 24 at 7:00 PM by Zoom*. Start reading now! The Better Humans Book Club will discuss *My People, My People, My God*, by Rev. Don Marbury, senior pastor of Ebenezer AME Church in Hagerstown, MD. Email Travis Stalcup at justice@stpaulsk.org for the Zoom invite.

Read Through The Bible – *Ongoing. February Zoom Q&A canceled*. The entire congregation is invited to read through the Bible, in whole or in part, together over the next two years. The reading schedule is available at stpaulsk.org/community/adult-education. The February Zoom session has been canceled but you are invited to email your thoughts or questions directly to Pastor Pat at pallen@stpaulsk.org, or save them for the March Zoom.

Help Wanted! – If you can spare a few hours, please consider participating in St. Paul's Welcome Ministry. We are in need of a few volunteers to staff the welcome table and guide people as they enter the building for worship on Sunday mornings. To volunteer, contact Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org or 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

Recognizing Our Volunteers in Ministry – The St. Paul's SPRC knows many people work alongside our staff and clergy as volunteers, and they are vital to helping us maintain our beloved community. Please use this simple form to submit the names of those St. Paul's servants and volunteers who have helped make our church special: <https://forms.gle/DafEZY91hZeKpiX69>. (Note – Music ministries will be recognized separately later in the year.)

Wednesday Study: *When Strivings Cease* – *Wednesdays, 4:00 PM, Zoom*. All are welcome as we journey through *When Strivings Cease: Replacing the Gospel of Self-Improvement with the Gospel of Life-Transforming Grace* by Ruth Chou Simons. Participants are welcome to join this six-week study on a regular or drop-in basis

(Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84496369587>). Questions? Contact Dr. Meg Baker at mbaker@stpaulsk.org, 301-933-7933 ext. 104.

9:00 Lay Readers – Would you like to assist with worship at 9:00 AM by serving as a lay reader? Go to stpaulsk.org/community/calendar-events and click the button to be taken to the sign-up sheet. You'll see available dates and can sign up by simply typing in your name. Questions? Contact Erin Steele (stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org).

Renovation Update – The conversations between the contractors and the church have concluded! Soon (yes, soon) you will receive information about the start date for the renovation. Please know that the renovation will require some major adjustments from the congregation, staff, and volunteers. Please visit our Renovation page at stpaulsk.org/community/renovation for more details.

Sanctuary Flowers – To sponsor Sanctuary flowers for Sundays in 2022, sign up on the flower chart in the main office. Forms for dedications are available next to the chart. The cost has been reduced to \$45 and our flower team will create one arrangement, which you may choose to take with you or have delivered to those who might need extra cheer.

Save the Date: Still Weekend Retreat – *Register by March 18, Retreat April 8-10 at the Dayspring Retreat Center in Germantown, MD.* If you desire time to unplug and deeply listen on your spiritual journey, consider joining us for a variety of optional contemplative activities, rest, and time in nature with a lake, pond, hiking trails, meadow, and labyrinth on 250 acres. The cost is \$235 (scholarships available) and includes vegetarian meals. Register here: <https://forms.gle/wpXZjQjMsLtJ584QA>. Contact Kenzie Raulin at kenzier@rcn.com or 301-237-1520 if you have questions.

Hunger Ministry – Over 100 families rely on our Hunger Ministry each month. Our volunteers make this possible! Thank you! To volunteer, email Dawn Ely at hunger@stpaulsk.org and she'll send you the sign-up link with descriptions of the tasks. Can you donate a full grocery bag? Use the shopping list to fill a brown or white bag, if you're able, or place individual pantry items in the bins any time the building is open. To make a financial donation towards grocery store gift cards and bulk purchases, visit stpaulsk.org/giving or make checks payable to St. Paul's UMC with "Hunger Ministry" on the memo line.

Announcements: Ongoing Activities

Second Saturday Bible Study – *Saturday, March 12, 10:00-11:00 AM, Zoom.* These gatherings featuring the videos, studies, and podcasts from The Bible Project. All are welcome! No prep required. (Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86967492600>).

Inclement Weather Policies – For weekday inclement weather, St. Paul's follows Montgomery County Public Schools announcements for students regarding delays or closures. For Sundays, the pastors will assess the weather and make a decision about in-person services by Saturday evening.

Daily Breath – *Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00 AM.* Live online sessions are designed to help keep us calm and connected during covid-19, and provide a time of sharing, prayer, or music led by St. Paul's clergy and staff. Visit facebook.com/stpaulskensington.

Still Wednesday – *Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 PM.* All are welcome! The exact format of Still Wednesday changes week to week, but typically includes 20 minutes of silent contemplative prayer. To Zoom, use Meeting ID: 815 9385 9811, passcode Oliver.

Martha Circle – Meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 AM in the Octagon. All ladies interested may contact coordinator Ginny Hagberg (mdcatlover@aol.com, 301-770-7624) for updates.

Lydia Circle – Meetings usually held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. All interested ladies should contact Susan Schwarz (susan10748@aol.com or 301-339-8242) for the latest schedule.

Yarn Ministry – Meeting either by Zoom or in-person in the Library at St. Paul's twice a month. All crafters welcome! Contact Karen Codner (kdc811@gmail.com).

Prayerwaves – *Wednesdays, 10:00 AM by phone.* Call 425-436-6326 at 9:55 AM. When prompted for the "access code," type in 774042 followed by #.

Stephen Ministry – Trained lay-people provide comfort to those who need a listening ear as they navigate life's challenges. Contact Pastor Kate (kfulton@stpaulsk.org) or Virginia Bickford (301-598-5496) to learn more.

Pledges & Thank You Gifts – Each household that pledges for 2022 will receive a St. Paul’s folding camp chair as a special “thank you.” Blank pledge forms are available in the church office and at *stpaulsk.org/giving*.

Pastoral Leave – Pastor Kate is engaging in a time of study, rest, and restoration now through Saturday Feb. 19. All pastoral care concerns should be directed to Pastor Pat until then. Beginning Thursday March 3 through Tuesday May 31, Pastor Pat will be on Sabbath Renewal Leave. Every seven years, clergy are entitled to request up to ninety days of renewal leave and, at the encouragement and approval of our District Superintendent Rev. Gerry Green and St. Paul's SPRC, Pastor Pat is availing herself of this opportunity. During that time, Pastor Kate will lead the congregation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Pastor Pat.



Visitor Information

Thank you for joining us! You are invited to tear out this section and leave this form with the offerings to let us know a little about yourself, or how we might be in touch. You may also email the office (*stpaulsunited@stpaulsk.org*) or staff to say hello!

Name(s):

Email:

Phone:

Home Address:

How did you find us? (circle all that apply)

Family/friend. Passing by. Internet search. Other:

Are you interested in learning more about St. Paul's? (circle all that apply)

No, just visiting. Maybe; I have questions. Please tell me about joining St. Paul's.

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Lay Readers - 10:30 AM

Jonah Chen
Lorraine Stalcup
Thomas Stephens

Children's Music Leader

Christina Griffin

All plans are subject to change as the covid situation evolves and we work to keep everyone as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding!

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
Masks required. Appointments encouraged.



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